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## EDITORIAL NOTES

Hon. Marion Butler will speak at Enfield on the 9th of Nov., at Monroe on the 10th, at Lumberton on the 11th. Let the entire country hear him.

For once the great organs of plutocracy have struck a snag. Their servants (in Congress) are slow about acting as they say.

Yes, we join you in asking why the American Congress is trying to legislate in the interest of foreign countries. Let America rule America.

Bro. J. T. B. Hoover will be with South River Alliance Union, which meets with Straw Pond Sub-Alliance on Saturday, November 25th.

Murder will out. If Congress kills silver its members may escape for a time, but they will meet their punishment some time in this world or the next.

We have received the first issue of a new paper called the *Solid South*, published at Fayetteville by Mr. John McDuffie. It is a good one and deserves success.

The Massachusetts State Typographical Union has announced itself in favor of the government ownership of telegraphs and railroads. "They have gone into politics."

If our Bakersville correspondent will send his name, the account of Mitchell county meeting will be published. Nothing published unless accompanied by a responsible name.

The Massachusetts Republican State Convention endorsed Cleveland's administration and the Democratic didn't only in part. That is one of the curious things now transpiring.

According to Bradstreet the failures for the third quarter of 1893 numbered 4,934, with liabilities amounting to \$153,227,547, against 2,027, with liabilities of \$20,430,546, for the third quarter of 1892.

"Agriculture has been legislated against for thirty years," say the party press. The Republican party did most of it. What party has been legislating against agriculture during the past few months?

The great annual auction sale of blooded horses and colts will take place at Raleigh on the 8th and 9th of November. Some of the best blood in the State will change owners on the above dates.

An election is to be held in Kings county, (Brooklyn) New York, soon. The old regime are using much fraud and corruption. It is said that as many as 2,233 illegally registered voters have been found in one precinct.

Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, was shot three times in his own home by a stranger about 8 o'clock Saturday night. He died in a few minutes. One man has been arrested on suspicion. No motive for the deed is known.

When debts were created, gold and silver were money. If it is lawful to strike out silver, why not strike out gold also and make all debts payable in diamonds? The bondholders and banks could own the whole country a little bit quicker and shorten our agonies.

## THE GOLDBUGS WILL WIN.

The deadlock at Washington in the Senate was broken last Friday and a vote secured. Senator Voorhees, the leader of the gold bug forces on the Democratic side, aided by Senator Sherman, the leader on the Republican side, secured a vote on a substitute repeal bill which takes the place of the Wilson repeal bill passed by the House some weeks ago. The substitute bill is worded differently and contains a promise of bi-metalism and "international agreement" at some future time. But nothing can be construed to mean friendship for silver. Here is the substitute:

"That so much of the act approved July 14, 1890, entitled an act directing the purchase of silver bullion, and for other purposes 'as directs the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase from time to time silver bullion to the aggregate amount of five million five hundred thousand ounces or as much thereof as may be offered in each month at the market price thereof, not exceeding one dollar for three hundred and seventy-one and twenty-five one hundredths grains of pure silver, and to issue in payment for such purchase, notes of the United States, be, and the same is hereby repealed. And it is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States to continue the use of both gold and silver as standard money and to coin both gold and silver into money of equal intrinsic and exchangeable value, such equality to be secured through international agreement, by such safeguards of legislation as will insure the maintenance of the parity in value of the coins of the two metals and equal power of every dollar at all times in the markets and in the payment of debts. And it is hereby further declared that the efforts of the government should be steadily directed to the establishment of such a safe system of bi-metalism as will maintain at all times the equal power of every dollar coined or issued by the United States in the markets and in the payment of debts."

As Mr. Peelle says in the postscript added to his excellent article on this page: "The President of Wall street is against silver. It is possible that legislation pretendedly friendly to silver may be attempted, etc." But the whole thing means unconditional repeal according to repeated admissions made by President Cleveland, Senator Voorhees and Senator Sherman.

The first vote taken Friday was on an amendment to Mr. Voorhees' substitute, presented by Senator Peffer, of Kansas. The result was as follows:

The following is the vote detailed: Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Butler, Call, Coke, Daniel, George, Harris, Irby, Jones, Arkansas; Jones, Nebraska; Kyle, Martin, Pasco, Peffer, Power, Pugh, Roach, Shoup, Stewart, Teller, Vance, Vest, Walthall and Wolcott—28.

Nays—Aldrich, Caffery, Camden, Carty, Cullom, Davis, Dixon, Dolph, Faulkner, Frye, Gallinger, Gibson, Gorman, Gray, Hale, Higgins, Hill, Hoar, Lindsay, Lodge, McMillan, McPherson, Manderson, Mitchell, of Wisconsin; Morrill, Murphy, Palmer, Perkins, Proctor, Quay, Ransom, Sherman, Smith, Stockbridge, Turpie, Vilas, Voorhees, Washburn and White, of Louisiana—39.

The pairs were announced—Pettigrew and Gordon; Squire and Mitchell, of Oregon; Brice and Cameron; Mills and Hansbrough; Chandler and White, of California; Colquitt and Wilson; Cockrel and Allison; Hawley and Morgan; Hutton and Platt.

Mr. Voorhees then asked for the unanimous consent of the Senate to allow the amendment of the committee (his substitute) to be open to amendment just as the original bill was. The result was a vote of 53 yeas and 9 nays. Those voting nay were Allen, Bate, Call, Coke, Irby, Kyle, Peffer, Roach, Vance.

Several amendments were offered during the day Saturday and all voted down, though the vote was very close on the one offered by Mr. Berry, of Arkansas, to revive the Bland Allison act of 1878.

It is now believed that the end is near. No substitute favorable to silver will be passed. No compromise will be acceptable to the people unless it is equivalent to free coinage, and that is out of the question. Unconditional repeal may be sugar coated, but it will not be swallowed by the American people. We have never surrendered to England and never will, even though they have control of our National Legislators to a large extent. Perhaps the unconditional repeal will be a certainty before our paper reaches half of our readers. That is the outlook now.

## A SHERMAN IN ARGENTINE.

A London dispatch of the 12th says that the Argentine Republic will "carry out the engagement of Senor Romero, the former finance minister, to foreign creditors, that no further stocks of any kind shall be issued, and that FURTHER ISSUES OF CURRENCY SHALL BE PROHIBITED. Provision is made for the BURNING biennially of CURRENCY to the amount of not less than \$6,000,000 which may be doubled." See the cat! British gold has found its John Shermans down there. Destroying the people's money and thus reducing labor prices so the thieving English bondholders will get

more labor of the people when they pay interest. Same game as was played in this country by the same means, when a billion of greenbacks were burned and bonds issued, and which is now being further carried out by destroying silver as money. Great heavens! Are all the voters in Argentina as stupid dolts as have been the Americans during the past thirty years regarding the financial operations of their government? But let it go. This game is not without some good results. The people will some time awaken to the sense of the infamous swindle and then there will be a reckoning. Poor Argentina, poor America. Fall-n into the hands of the blood sucking usurers. And sold, too, by men elected to serve the people.—*Coming Nation*.

It is not young Gov. Russell who is the Democratic candidate for Governor in Massachusetts as we supposed. But he is a Democrat and that is much these times, says the *Wilmington Messenger*.

## THE WORLD MOVES.

So said Galileo and so says every one except John Jasper and those who are like unto him. We are forcibly struck with this in reading the late address of Mr. Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States. He advocates city ownership of gas, water, electric lighting and street cars, and ownership by the postoffice of the telegraph and telephone. He says that government ownership of railroads is also bound to come if those corporations do not in good faith accept State control through commissioners and statutes. He plainly intimates that if these gigantic corporations persist, as they have done in some States, in simply adding the Railroad Commissioners to their assets, that an indignant people will demand and force government ownership. The breaking up of colossal estates, prohibiting more than one million dollars passing to any one person by will or gift, is urged.

The Western Union Telegraph Co lately declared a dividend of \$7,000,000. It also has a reserve fund of \$15,000,000. As, by the report made to Congress, the entire "plant" of the company could be replaced with \$15,000,000 and the stockholders have put far less than that in it, it may be seen how great is the extortion practiced on the public daily and hourly by such a system. The postoffice should have telegraph or telephone service to every postoffice in the country and the number of postoffices in the country districts should be doubled too. But with such a reserve to influence the press and Congress, how shall the people ever get their rights?

A grand Alliance rally will take place at Monroe on the 10th of November. Hon. Marion Butler and Col. Harry Skinner are the speakers. Friends of reform in all adjoining counties of this State and South Carolina are cordially invited.

## COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL POVERTY.

It has been stated recently that all of the county commissioners in Catawba county "are third party men," and "that the county finances are in a bad way." One paper says school teachers have been trying to sell their claims, etc. This all may be true, but it is absurd to charge it to "third party men" or anything of that sort. The commissioners of Mecklenburg county are not third party men. The *Charlotte News* says that county owes \$9,000, due on the first day of November, and with the present outlook the county will not have \$900 to pay the \$9,000.

The *Lexington Dispatch* says the Sheriff of Davidson county has been of five precincts and has not collected a cent of taxes. Other counties are in the same condition. The North Carolina State Treasury is not very flush and will be less so before many months. The Treasury of the United States is in bad shape and getting worse every day. It may default payment at any time. Every man of sense knows what parties are responsible, and the puny efforts to fasten the blame on innocent people are too contemptible for further notice.

## BANKS HOARDING GOLD.

The reserve fund of gold in the United States Treasury is down to \$84,500,000, several millions lower than it was in August when gold was said to be going to Europe in such quantities. New York, Philadelphia and Boston banks report about \$10,000,000 in gold in excess of what they held in August. So there has been no importation of gold worth the name, and while the Treasury is poorer by more than ten millions worth of gold, the Eastern banks pop up and say "we've got it in our vaults." Now we are sure that the cause given for the panic was false, and that the Eastern banks are robbing the treasury to create another panic.

## FURTHER EVIDENCE OF REFORM(?)

Dun's Review for the week ending Oct. 21st reports 346 failures, which is a falling off of 47 from the week before, but is still above the average for the past three months and nearly double those of the corresponding week last year. Many large concerns, such as banks and iron works, are included. At the present rate all the business concerns in the country will burst wide open in a few years at most, and then the reform we have heard much of but have never saw, will not be much advantage. If the present administration started out to ruin the country it is a howling success, but if it intends to give us reform it has been and will be a failure.

We have heard much about that "cowardly makeshift," the Sherman law. But Sherman has never been able to get up a makeshift as cowardly and dangerous as the Voorhees make shift passed last Friday. It is the "culminating atrocity" of the age.

## PROFESSIONAL FAKE WRITERS.

Some days ago the daily papers were loaded with lurid telegrams stating that "white caps" were putting notices on cotton gins in Mississippi warning the owners not to gin another bale of cotton until the price reached ten cents, and threatening to burn the gins if the warnings were not obeyed. Later reports were sent out saying gins had been burned. It was said that Alliancemen were supposed to be at the bottom of it all. Of course they and other good people are always to be slandered. As a matter of fact the stories were without foundation. Gov. Stone, of Mississippi, has published a letter denying the whole thing. Later the same reports were sent out from Georgia. More recently they were sent out from North Carolina. If any gins were posted it was done by some joker and fake writers seized the opportunity.

A few weeks ago J. B. Osborne was arrested and fined \$100 for starting to make a public speech in Atlanta, though, when arrested, he had not uttered a word. He is now speaking all over the State of Georgia for the reform cause and will get even with plutocracy.

## ALLIANCEN AT THE FAIR.

We have already mentioned several Alliancemen who had creditable exhibits at the recent State Fair. We hope we may not overlook any of them, and would be glad to hear from any one who may have been forgotten. Mr. A. L. Swinson, of Goldsboro, had three varieties of Italian bees in improved hives on the Fair grounds. Bro. Swinson is an authority on the subject of bees, and has a fine stock on hand at all times. Any one wishing to get a start in the business would do well to correspond with him.

Dr. G. K. Foust and Mr. L. W. Holt, both of Alamance county, we think, were among the number of fine exhibitors of both green and canned fruits. Their space attracted much attention.

The *Lenoir Topic* says both the Republican and Democratic parties are divided on the question of free coinage and "that the only party in existence who is a unit on free coinage is the Populist party." People who favor this important measure should stick a pin here.

## DISCORD AMONG THE ORGANS.

The goldbug organs in North Carolina are badly out of tune. We append a few "notes" from three of the leaders in the orchestra, and the discord is quite trying to nervous people. On the 26th the *Charlotte Observer* said:

"The signs undoubtedly go to show that the business of the country is being resumed and that a reasonable degree of prosperity is not far off. The South was less hurt by the panic, and is doing more to help start things in motion again, than any other section of the country. Perhaps it is because we've been on the journey of life a long time in company with poverty, and we know how to get along with and coax the trade, but, any way, whether the times are good or bad, we get along very much the same. The manner in which the South is helping the country to recover from the panic is by sending in the cotton crop to be exported and thus helping to offset drafts from abroad. And somehow, it is hard to say just how, but it appears to be a fact, our cotton mills are starting up first of all those that have been closed. While the crops are a little short the people are fighting for good prices, the bank people don't look half so glum as they did a month ago, and taken all in all, the world seems to be getting back towards the same old way it had on it before the panic struck us. The country is not yet entirely out of the woods but things do look brighter and better."

On the 20th the *Wilmington Messenger* said:

"The Baltimore Sun is about as blind and infatuated an organ of goldbuggery as you can find outside of New York and Philadelphia. It used to be conservative in tone and something Demo-

cratic, but in its wild worship of gold it has ceased to be an organ of thought, and has become a mere echo of Wall street and the fellows who there congregate with whom all financial wisdom and political science will die, the fellows in the cities who alone "understand finance." And this sort of stuff is indulged in the face of the fact that the very ablest men in the Senate are not goldalators and the foremost authorities beyond the seas are monometallists. The *Sun* that now shines for gold says very foolish things of the Southern Senators and modestly avers that they are an inferior set, or to exactly quote its delirance, that they 'give melancholy proof of the decadence of Southern statesmanship.' What insufferable rot! And then it says that 'they do not represent Southern sentiment.' How does it know? Because a part of the small urban population in the South stand for gold as against silver it is no proof or evidence whatever that the rural voters are not overwhelming for the standard of the Constitution—both gold and silver."

On the 27th the *News and Observer* said:

"On the supposition that all the channels through which new currency could flow into circulation shall be closed, we may expect to see values diminish, business arrested and enterprise checked. \* \* \* There will be a tendency to settle instead of to advance with that buoyancy which an era of prosperity should impart to prices in America. We have been told that our currency must be assimilated to the currency of Europe, and now we apprehend that our prices will be on the European basis. Such a result will affect the laboring people of this country to a degree not fully comprehended."

"On the supposition that the course of prices will be as indicated, we may anticipate that within three years there will be a great revolution. We trust that Congress may have the wisdom to prevent the contingency apprehended from happening by some legislation that will permit an expansion of currency adequate to the activity and energy and enterprise of the American people."

The above extracts show a "division of sentiment" that is appalling, and is only the result of one day's editorial dicker with public affairs.

Capt. Sam. Ashe thinks we are going to have a big political revolution in the next three years. That kind of calamity howling has been common among genuine reformers for some time. As the Captain is getting his eyes open, we wonder whether or not he has picked out a soft place to fall on.

## FACTS ABOUT AXES.

There are about eighteen large axe manufacturing companies in the United States, turning out in the aggregate about 350,000 dozen axes annually. A few years ago, when combinations of large corporations into "trusts" became popular, the axe manufacturers took the fever, and they too combined. The first thing they did was to advance the price of axes about 40 per cent. But the combination or organization had not been completed at the time this advance was made, one company not having decided to join and never did join, nor would it co-operate with the trust in establishing the advance, nor would it sell out to them. The combination then decided to drive this company out of business and began to reduce prices. The Alliance throughout the West rallied to the support of this independent company and they were enabled to dispose of their entire output, notwithstanding the combination. The result of this fight has been a reduction of about \$3 per dozen from the price fixed by the trust, which, on 350,000 dozen, the annual output, shows a saving to the people, the users of axes, of \$1,050,000 per year. Now the duty of every Allianceman and everybody else who are opposed to the combination of sculless corporations for purposes of robbery and plunder, is to support the Kelly Axe Manufacturing Company, and buy only the Kelly axe, which you will find advertised in this paper. If your dealer does not keep it ask him to get a supply and if he does not then find a dealer who will or send your order to our State Business Agent. Be sure to get the Kelly axe.

Only a few months ago the bottom fell out in Australia. A few weeks ago silver was demonetized in India by order of England. Now India is in the throes of a panic that will ruin millions of people. The rate of interest has doubled, and the government itself is unable to pay its current expenses. The demonetization of silver in America means the same thing.

## WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE?

The *News and Observer* of the 26th contained the following remarkable editorial:

"Assuming that the silver episode is closed, it should be remembered that thirty-seven Democrats, embracing every Southern Senator, we believe, but one from Louisiana and one from Texas, were for the compromise; and that the compromise fell through only because the Senators from the silver States and the Populists would not vote for it. As the proposition did not command their support, a majority of Senators could not be obtained for it; and therefore it was abandoned. This action on the part of the Sena-

tors from the silver States and by the Populists has thrown down the bars and opened the way to unconditional repeal. The repeal bill will now doubtless be passed, and that result must be attributed to the course of those who we mean the Senators from the silver States and the Populist Senators. We think it desirable that this record should be known by the people, understood by them and remembered."

For years the Republican party has stood in the way of the Democrats, even when the Democrats had the President and House of Representatives. In the last election the Democrats got their President in and a clear majority in both houses of Congress. There is nothing in the way. Now this poor old *News and Observer* comes forward with the false and absurd assertion that the four Populist Senators are to blame for the failure of the compromise. Those four Senators didn't go there to make asses of themselves and betray their constituents by voting for a compromise that no honest man would accept. They did right in refusing to follow such a dishonest course. But what has that got to do with this business, anyhow? The Democrats have a majority in both Houses. All they have to do is to frame bills in keeping with their promises to the people and pass them. No man, no class, no party, can prevent them if they desire to pass any good legislation. The assertions of the *News and Observer*, and other gold bug sheets, to the contrary are pure rot.

Another dodge must be exposed. The Democratic organs say the party representatives are so badly divided on the leading questions that they cannot come to an agreement on any bill. That is another contemptible dodge. They were all elected on the same platform, made the same promises. They were not divided last year when they were moving Heaven and earth to get elected. The American people have been patient; but such a course will not meet the approval of any honest man, and patience ceases to be a virtue.

The fastest time ever made by a four-year old stallion was trotted on the Cumberland, Tenn., track a few days ago. "Directum," a California raised horse, made a mile in 2:05, being only a quarter of a second slower than "Nancy Hanks" trotted on the same track last year. Her record is 2:04, and "Directum" bids fair to eclipse her record, as he is gaining rapidly.

## SOUTHERN SENATORS MISREPRESENT THE PEOPLE.

Where the Rub Lies—Cleveland's Rebellion Against His Party.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 21.  
MR. EDITOR:—The real difficulty of the silver situation is that Southern Senators are willing to vote for a disgraceful compromise of silver for the sake of "party harmony." Party harmony means the continuation of the South's adulterous union with New York and New England—that is to say with Wall street and Old England. Call this incongruous *miscegenation* the Democratic party, and nearly all the Southern Senators fall down and worship it. Nearly all the betrayals of the people's interests have been accomplished in the name of party harmony. Harmony with the gamblers and speculators of Wall street is an infamous compromise of principle, call it by any name howsoever sweet. We have harmonized with the money-hunting patriots of Yankeeedom until in the name of democracy they have stolen nearly all our property and they are now undermining the manhood of the South. The refusal of Grover Cleveland to submit the silver question to the party caucus is a revolution destructive of his party government. His alliance with the opposite party afterwards is still more revolutionary. So even if under the unholy contract of national party government, Southern Senators feel in honor bound, they are honorably let out now because Cleveland and the Wall street contingent have first flown the bargain.

W. J. PEELLE  
P. S.—Since writing the above, the silver purchasing clause has been repealed according to the commands of Cleveland and Wall street. This business has been accomplished through the desertion of Southern Senators. Vance did not desert. Like Jesus Christ, silver was betrayed with a kiss, for there is in the repeal bill a windy hypocritical compliment to silver as duplex and equivalent as the Chicago platform. No legislation friendly to silver can be passed through this Congress, and if it could be, it would be betold by Wall street. The President of Wall street is against silver. It is possible that legislation pretendedly friendly to silver will be passed or pretendedly attempted. Our fight here is simply for the free and unlimited coinage of our present silver dollars, just as the coinage of gold is free and unlimited.

W. J. P.  
Don't stop, brother, until The Progressive Farmer goes regularly to every home in your neighborhood.